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LB 585

Mr. President. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. You've heard the opening on the Bromm AM1489 to LB 585. We're open for discussion. Senator Bromm, seeing none, did you wish to...Senator Bromm waives closing, so the question before the body is, shall Bromm AM1489 be adopted to LB 585? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted that care to? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Bromm's amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The Bromm amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk, next amendment.

CLERK: Senator Tyson, I'm back to your AM1389. (Legislative Journal page 1633.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Tyson, to open.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. AM1389 is an attempt to bring some rationality to what is actually going on. The first part of it excepts...Well, I'll just read it. People who are passengers but who are not operating a motor vehicle subject to regulation pursuant to Chapter 75, Article III may possess open alcoholic beverages while each vehicle is in a public parking area on any highway in this state. In other words, it would be legal to do what everybody is doing now. Now, it may be against the law. I believe Senator Bromm, he's a very competent attorney. It's against the law to drink now, well there's 1,658,000 people in this state, a good many of whom consume beer on the road. I can readily see why you shouldn't do it while you're driving. But, if I'm sitting in the backseat and I want a beer, and I don't drink very much, I don't see what harm it does to anyone. Senator Pederson, who thoroughly knows his subject of substance abuse, says that an alcoholic is going to drink anyway. Okay, if he drinks and drives, he's violating the law. What about the guy in the backseat? What about the guy next to him? Well, he can hand that over to him. And he will also continue to break the law. When he's alone he'll still do it. I don't think we